Grammar Lesson:

As long as / provided (that) / providing (that)

As long as *or* **so long as (**وظيفة هذه الكلمات هي الشرط**)**

Provided (that) *or* **providing** (that) / All these expressions mean **'if'** or 'on condition that'.

For example:

- You can use my car **as long as/so long as** you drive carefully. (= you can use my car but you must drive carefully - this is a condition)

- Traveling by car is convenient **provided *(that)*/providing *(that)*** you have somewhere to park. (but only if you have somewhere to park)

- **Providing *(that)*/ provided *(that)*** she studies hard, she'll pass her exams. (= she must study hard – if she does this, she will pass)

When you are talking about the future, do *not* use **will** after **as long as / provided / providing**. Use a ***present*** tense.

عند الحديث عن المستقبل لا نستعمل (will) بل نستعمل المضارع البسيط

- **Providing** she **studies** hard, she will pass the exam. (*not* 'providing she will study')

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